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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
HIDEHIKO FUJIMURA, ET AL.)	Examiner: K. Ramsey
Application No.: 09/309,766)	Group Art Unit: 2879
Filed: May 11, 1999)	
For: METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING)	July 18, 2002
AIRTIGHT VESSEL AND IMAGE-)	
FORMING APPARATUS USING)	
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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Note that all the claims currently pending in this application have been reproduced below for the Examiner's convenience.

1. (Not Further Amended) A method for manufacturing an airtight vessel, comprising the steps of:
 - a) fabricating an airtight vessel connected to an evacuation tube;